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Lexington Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charges

(**COLUMBIA**, **S.C.**) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Donald Morris Price (DOB: 9/25/1971) of Leesville, S.C., on multiple charges connected to sexual exploitation of a minor and criminal sexual conduct with a minor. The Lexington County Sheriff's Department, a member of the the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, made the arrest.

Investigators discovered images containing child pornography were being shared from an IP address linked to Price. A search warrant was executed at Price's residence and multiple electronic devices were seized for examination. Review of those items uncovered hundreds of pictures and several videos depicting Price engaging in sex acts with a minor victim.

Price was arrested on Oct. 25, 2016. He is charged with one count of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, Second Degree (§16-15-405), a felony offense punishable by up to 25 years imprisonment; four counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, First Degree (§16-3-655), a felony offense punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment; and one count of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, Third Degree (§16-3-655), a felony offense punishable by up to 15 years imprisonment

The case will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

Attorney General Wilson stressed all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.